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The Commonwealth.

THURSDAY MARCH 24, 1898.
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Cotton Seed Wanted.

I will pay highest market price for 100 car loads of cotton seed. Few cars of seed at \$19 per ton, payable in seed. Meet and haul for sale at low prices.

R. J. MADRY,
Scotland Neck, N. C.

Hoffman's Announcement.

We cordially invite all to call and see our large stock of Spring Goods. Beyond a doubt, the assortment is better, designs prettier and the prices lower than ever before. There is always a welcome in our store. Our salesmen are ever ready and glad to show you all that we have. Come early and see for yourself.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Special attention to our Stamped Linens, Table Covers, Tea Tray Covers, Center Pieces, Doilies, and everything else in this line. Cheap! Cheap!!

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Silks, they are beautiful, Toffetas, Changeables, Chinas, Brocades, India, &c., in large variety. See them.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Ziegler's Slippers and Oxford Ties.—This department is up-to-date in every particular.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Crash for Ladies' Skirts, Linen, Brown, Garter. This is also very nice for suits for little boys.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

See those fancy hose at

M. HOFFMAN & BRO'S.

Lace Curtains and Curtain Lace

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Jewel Belts and Shirt Waist Sets.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Fine line of Men's Shoes.

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Ribbons—You must see them and know the price to see what we can do for you.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Liberty Silk, Chiffon, Mousseline de Soie—Bunching &c.

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Roman Stripe Ties and Sashes—Simply beautiful.

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Hamburg—Swiss Edgings and Laces—Prices below zero.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Curtain Poles, Wood Fixtures 25c.

All Colors. M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Clothing—We are strictly in the front. See them early.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Hats—Handsome line. Don't forget the JEFFERSON. Nice line of Crash hats. Light cool and cheap.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Lawns, Mulls, (plain and fancy) Dimity, Lapped stripes, Organdi (plain and fancy), Lapped Mulls and almost every thing you can imagine to make a pretty cool dress or waist. Come at once.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Shirt Waists—ready for use from 25c. to \$1.25. They are simply grand for the money. Try one.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Ladies' Ready Made Skirts.

We can surprise you. First choice is worth a good deal. Don't let the opportunity pass.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Tomato Plants!

Ready for setting by April 1st. For sale at TAYLOR'S GROCERY STORE.

\$5,000.

To lend in sums of \$500 and less, to be secured by good real estate in proximity to the town of Enfield. Apply to

S. S. ALSON, Enfield, N. C.

Strayed.

Two spotted shoats, will weigh about 50 pounds, and one large spotted sow will weigh about 150 pounds. Liberal remuneration will be given for their return.

B. F. GRAY, 3 10 tf. Scotland Neck, N. C.

Very Important.

Policy holders in the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, can get valuable information by writing to Lock Box No. 6, Scotland Neck, N. C. 3 10 tf.

C. A. Armstrong,

Contractor for all kinds of Brick and Wooden buildings.

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Lard For Sale.

1,000 lbs Lard for Sale.

FRANK P. SHIELDS, 2 24 tf. Executor.

An Old Idea.

Every day strengthens the belief of eminent physicians that impure blood is the cause of the majority of our diseases. Twenty-five years ago this theory was used as a basis for the formula of Brown's Iron Bitters. The many remarkable cures effected by this famous old household remedy are sufficient to prove that the theory is correct. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all druggists.

LOCAL NEWS.

MEYERS SELLING AT COST.—Meyers, the Enfield hustler, advertises goods at cost this week and he has piles of them.

MRS. RIDDICK'S AD.—Mrs. A. M. Riddick puts before our readers her announcement for Spring millinery. She is just home from the markets. See her ad.

OUR JOB PRINT.—Remember that we are turning out lots of job printing, the very best, in the neatest style and as cheap as you can get anywhere. Every line goes out under our guarantee.

F. H. ROBERTSON.—Attention is called to the advertisement of this well known druggist who has again opened business in Enfield. He is clever and obliging and treats his customers well.

LAST OF THE SERIES.—With this issue we close the series of articles on newspapers, taken from Dr. Talmage's sermon. We think any and all who have read the articles feel paid for the time.

MUCH FERTILIZER.—There have been large quantities of fertilizers of various kinds shipped to this county this season. From every town carts and wagons have been hauling it for weeks and the hauling continues.

FOR STEALING HOGS.—Dr. M. T. Savage brought to town Saturday a colored man named Tom Horton charged with stealing hogs. He was lodged in the town prison and sent on to Halifax jail Monday.

GOOD SALES OF MACHINES.—Mr. E. P. Gatling, who is selling Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines, has been quite successful. He has sold more than twenty machines in five weeks. His purchasers are pleased with the splendid machine he sells.

POLITE PEOPLE.—Mr. H. L. Driscoll and his workmen who came down from Roanoke Rapids to build the new knitting mill, are greatly pleased with Scotland Neck. Mr. Driscoll remarked as he was going away Saturday that there are more polite people in Scotland Neck than any place he has ever seen.

BARN BURNED.—The Tarboro South-ern says: "A barn on Judge Phillips' farm near Bell's Bridge, was burned yesterday morning about 4 o'clock with its contents and farming implements and forage. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. The Judge's loss is about \$1,000 with no insurance."

MORMONS DID NOT TARRY.—Two Mormons spent a night in this community last week, but they found such cold comfort here that they soon went their way. The evils that follow in the wake of such people are enough to drive them from all communities that lay any claims to decency.

NO OPENING.—Mrs. W. H. White says she will not have any regular spring opening. Her goods are coming and she is so busy with orders already in that she cannot find the time to prepare for the usual opening. She is ready to show and sell her goods all the time. See her ad. elsewhere.

FOUND AFTER SIX WEEKS.—The colored man named Richard Devereaux who was drowned at Mr. W. T. Hancock's farm on Roanoke river about six weeks ago, was found Friday. The body had risen and was caught in a raft of logs near the bank. Fish and other things had preyed upon the body until it would not have been recognized but for the clothes. The body was buried on the river bank near where it was found.

L. W. GREENE & CO.—These active commission merchants, whose advertisement appears in THE COMMONWEALTH, are anxious for business from this section. They supply all their shippers with tags, stencils, crates and coops to facilitate shipping; and we feel quite sure that our readers will make no mistake in doing business with them. When transacting any business with them, let them know that you saw their advertisement in this paper.

GOOD MISSION WORK.—Printing Mrs. W. J. Smith's annual report as Secretary of the Babies' Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions for the Episcopal church, calls to mind some things about that work. Mrs. Smith tells us that there are twenty-seven branches, with an enrolment of 200 in the Diocese of North Carolina. The money taken up through these little children's organization is devoted to missions, some to general missions and some to missions at home.

Not Far to Go.

"If a man has not money to advertise he might as well go out of business," said Mr. Robert C. Ogden in his address to the Merchants' Association of New York on Wednesday evening last. Such a man would not have far to go. Practically, the non-advertising man who thinks he is in business is flattering himself. He is merely on the ragged edge of it, and is likely at any time to be brushed off.—Philadelphia Record.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists, and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

THE MIXING CROWD.

Some Come and Some Go.

AND OF OTHERS WE DO NOT KNOW.

Mr. I. F. Sumlin was home last week a day or two.

Mr. M. C. Cooke went to Roanoke Rapids Monday.

Mr. R. H. Patterson, of Plymouth, was here last week.

Mr. J. W. Ashburn, of Tarboro, was here a day last week.

Mess. Frank Gray and W. H. White have gone to Bertie county.

Miss Annie Kitchin returned a few days ago from a visit to Washington.

Mr. John B. Tillery, of Tillery, came down last week to visit his people here.

Mr. R. E. Cook, of Roanoke Rapids, came down to visit his father and brother here last week.

Mr. M. D. Allsbrook, of Weldon, came down last week on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. John C. Williams, of Sanford, came down Friday night to see her relatives. She returned Monday.

Mess. W. H. White and Claude Kitchin went to Enfield on business Monday.

Rev. Rufus Bradley and wife have been on a visit to their people in Northampton county, and Southampton county, Va.

CONTRACTS COMPLETED.

All But One House Contracted for.

Mr. H. L. Driscoll, of Roanoke Rapids was here last week and completed the contract for the second tobacco warehouse. This completes the contracts for two warehouses and one prize house, leaving one prize house to be contracted for.

While there has been no flourish of trumpets amongst our people, they have been steadily at work on the tobacco interests, and the farmers may rest assured that the market facilities here will start off as good as the best. Material is being put on the grounds for the tobacco houses and the work will soon commence.

Mr. Smith's Mill Completed.

Mr. M. A. Smith's building for the new knitting mill has been completed. Mr. Driscoll, of Roanoke Rapids, was here Friday night and turned the building over to Mr. Smith.

The machinery has been ordered and will soon be here and put in place ready for starting up.

This will be another new impetus to our industrial development, and THE COMMONWEALTH says, let us have more.

Home Industries.

THE COMMONWEALTH believes in patronizing home industries. Buy of your own home people and the people of your county before sending away. It is commendable in the merchants in the county to purchase mattresses from Mess. Hale Brothers in Halifax rather than send further from home. We have seen some of their goods here in Scotland Neck, and the enterprise which these gentlemen show in supplying the merchants of the county entitles them to liberal patronage.

Railroad Company's Improvements.

The Railroad Company has had some very great improvements made about the depot. A force of hands has filled up the large hole below the depot in which was the turn table when this was the terminus of the road.

Also a good crossing has been made at the street leading out to the two knitting mills and tobacco market, and good side walks made and a general cleaning all around. The town will certainly feel obliged to the railroad people for these improvements.

It is said they will also bring a load of gravel to be used in improving the newly made side-walks.

THE COMMONWEALTH for the town thanks the railroad authorities for their help in improving that part of the town.

To Develop a new Lumber Interest.

Mr. S. F. Dunn, manager in this community of the interests of the Nesbitt Lumber Company, of New York, is well acquainted with the lumber business of this region. He knows what is here, and through him the company whose business he is managing here, have signified their intention to manufacture gum and oak lumber here on a large scale. With the proper encouragement the company will locate a large plant here which will be worth much to the town.

Instead of locating several small plants at various points where timber is obtainable, they can locate in Scotland Neck one large plant, and utilize more completely all the output of the plant. The steam power will not cost so much, and many things which they would burn as waste out in the woods or along the railroad they can utilize here at a profit.

THE COMMONWEALTH hopes to see the plant located here, and bespeaks the encouragement of our people for the enterprise. There are millions of gum timber lying around us that can be utilized.

A Peep at Enfield.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH ran over to Enfield for a few hours Monday. We found the good people of our neighboring town in their usual clever mood. There are many improvements to be observed in Enfield. Mr. David Bell, one of the able and popular attorneys of the county, has fitted up handsome quarters on the east side of Main street in the old Cohen drug store building. The building has been repaired and Mr. Bell is comfortably located in his new and tidy offices.

When we were ready to return home the train dispatcher informed that the train was late and the Scotland Neck train would not wait at Halifax for the northbound train on the main line. So we had to drive through the country in order to be at our desk next morning.

This gave us an opportunity to see that much work has been done on the farms. We do not remember to have seen farm work farther advanced at this season. One of Mr. Pierce's good teams easily put us home and we were none the worse for the late train.

HAMILTON JOTTINGS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

HAMILTON, March, 23, 1898.

Mr. Everett and family, of Hobgood, have moved here and will make this place their future home. We extend to them a cordial welcome.

Miss Sallie Salisbury who has been sick is much better.

Miss Bessie Cherry, of Hobgood, is visiting Miss Sallie Salisbury.

Mr. B. L. Bryant, a citizen of this place, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Burnett, on Sunday and was buried in the Episcopal church yard in this place on Monday evening.

Mr. Arch Sherrod, of High Point, was in town several days last week. His many friends were glad to see him.

Miss Mary Baker, who has been quite sick is better.

A MERCHANT'S LETTER.

To Dr. Hartman, President of the Surgical Hotel.

Marshall is a neat little city of 7,000 population in the State of Texas. Among its many enterprising merchants is Mr. N. E. Wyatt. In a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, Mr. Wyatt says: "I have been afflicted with a gripe four times and the last time was worse than the first. I began to think, after trying several remedies without any relief, that the disease could not be cured. Two years ago was the last time I had an attack of it. I decided to try Per-na and got six bottles. The first bottle I took did me more good than all the medicines I had taken before. I recommend Per-na to all who are suffering with any disease it is advertised to cure. I am well and stout now. I want everybody afflicted as I was to know of the wonderful merits of Per-na." Unless treated by Per-na, a gripe leaves the system in a deplorable condition. It completely demoralizes the nervous system, deranges digestion and disturbs nearly every function of the body. Per-na is a perfect specific for this condition. It is an admirable remedy for the after-effects of a gripe.

For further testimonials, see book entitled "Facts and Faces," sent free by The Per-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Scotland Neck Telephone Exchange

We are prepared to furnish telephone service to the public and solicit patronage.

RATES FOR SERVICE.

Business Phones, \$2.00 per month.
Residence Phones, 1.50 " "
Two of either for 3.00 " "

It is our purpose to give good service, and to this end we ask all subscribers to report promptly any irregularities in the service.

Our signed contracts prohibit the use of phones except by subscribers, and we request that this rule be rigidly enforced.

Fire and Life Insurance.

The very best fire companies represented. The Aetna Life so well known in this community is still here giving the best policy of the day and has increased its dividends annually without interruption for the past 25 years. It has paid out over \$70,000 in this community during the past 25 years. There is none better or more reliable company than the Old Aetna.

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"Get it honest if you can, but—get it."

It cures all coughs and colds.

For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, N. C.

SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Having just returned from New York, where I purchased a large and handsome stock of

MILLINERY, FANCY NOTIONS, SILKS, ETC.

I am prepared to sell my customers stylish goods at remarkably

LOW PRICES.

LIBERTY SILKS SHIRRED AND PLAID IN ALL THE NEWEST SHADES.

Mousseline De Soie, Brussels net and Other Stylish Dress Trimming.

THE LATEST THING IN NECK TIES AND SASH RIBBON.

Thanking my many friends for past patronage, I solicit a liberal share in the future.

Very Respectfully,
MRS. W. H. WHITE,
Scotland Neck, N. C.

NOTICE.

SALE OF LAND BY TRUSTEE.

By virtue of power in me vested by that deed of trust executed to me on the 23rd day of March, 1895, by D. C. Fenner and wife, which is of record in the Register's office for Halifax county, in book 109, on page 305, I shall sell for cash at auction in Halifax on the

25th day of April, 1898,

the following described land: Town lot in Halifax designated on map of said town as lot No. 99, being same lot whereon said Fenner and wife now reside, being same lot conveyed to Mrs. L. N. Fenner by R. O. Burton, guardian, on 6th day of Dec., 1893, to which deed reference is made. This March 24th, 1898.

W. A. DUNN, Trustee.

3 24 tf.

NEW GOODS!

Calicos 3 1/2, 4 cts. Mattress ticking, 4c., 5 cts. Lodges late style shoes 65c., 88c., \$1.25. Frames for crayons 20 styles 16x20 in. 88c., 68c., 98c. We have the latest in yard pictures and frames 8x36 in. 48c., 68 cts.

Heavy Rugs best grade 1x2 yds \$1.88. Reversible Rugs 1x2 yds 98c. 15 Different patterns and sizes art Squares and Druggists half wool and all wool \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.75.

We are having a big rush on floor Matting, 9, 12, 15, 18c. Our buyer struck a big job in floor, Oil Cloth, some beautiful patterns, 1, 1 1/2, 2 yds wide, 15, 20, 25c.

Curtain poles with wood fixtures 25c. Curtain poles with brass fixtures 18, 20c.

Lace Curtains 3 and 3 1/2 yds long 50, 75, 98c. per pair.

A large lot of remnants moquette and Brussels Carpet for rugs with fringe to match at half prices. We are closing out a lot of bureaus with large mirrors \$2.27, \$3.50, and \$4.00.

A beautiful line of Hamburg's and laces for below the regular prices.

We are having a big rush, and our best bargains are moving.

Remember we prepay freight on all goods bought at one time amounting to \$5.00 and over.

H. C. SPIERS & DAVIS, Mar. 16, 1898. WELDON, N. C.

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